

Julian J. Robinson
Member of Parliament's
7th Annual Constituency Report
South East St. Andrew
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Commitment to accountability – publishing annual reports

As part of an election commitment to transparency and accountability, every year for the past seven years of my service as Member of Parliament for South East St. Andrew, I have published an account of my work over the year.

- ▶ This report highlights some of the initiatives and projects undertaken during the calendar year of 2018
- ▶ It does not attempt to cover every single activity, but provides an overview of my work as your Member of Parliament.
- ▶ This year, for the first time, in response to requests from constituents, I have included an overview of my legislative work in Parliament
- ▶ The report will be distributed electronically first and placed on my website (www.julianjrobinson.com). Hard copies will be printed for physical distribution by the end of January

Commitment to a participatory democracy – launch of tellyourmp.com.jm website and app

- ▶ For the past seven years, I have hosted annual Constituency Development Fund consultations to explain the projects undertaken for the year and to seek suggestions on new initiatives
- ▶ While the CDF consultations are a positive addition, the impact of these consultations was limited, as only the attendees at the consultations actively participate, which represents a small percentage of the overall population in the constituency
- ▶ To find a solution that would encourage and enable more people to participate, I partnered with the Slashroots Foundation to launch both an app (Google Play [#TellYourMPjm](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.slashroots.tellyourmp)) and a website tellyourmp.com.jm which allows residents to make recommendations about projects and then vote for the selection of the project of their choice
- ▶ I have allocated \$500,000.00 from the CDF for the selected project and this has been matched by a donor to make the total funds available \$1M

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Residents can submit ideas of their choice by January 31, 2019



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How to Participate



Phase 1: Submit

Opens: Thu, 25 Oct 2018

Closes: Thu, 31 Jan 2019

Do you have an idea that solves a problem you know exists in the constituency? Submit it! The constituency office will then create a short list of project proposals based on the community development ideas submitted. Are you a young person with an idea for using technology to solve a community problem? Submit it! You might qualify for a [Youth Innovation Grant](#). Submit as many ideas as you want, especially ideas promoting Youth Employment, Community Peace Building and Crime Reduction, or Digital Skills/Literacy.

[See Ideas](#)



Phase 2: Vote

Opens: Mon, 25 Feb 2019

Closes: Mon, 18 Mar 2019

Submitted ideas become project proposals. After ideas are submitted, you get to choose which proposals get funded. The most popular Community Development proposals will be considered for CDF funding approval. The 5 most popular Youth Innovation proposals will each be awarded a grant. Vote, and encourage others to vote too! You can choose as many proposals as you want, as long as your choices do not exceed a total of J\$1,000,000.



Phase 3: Monitor

Opens: Tue, 19 Mar 2019

After the most popular Community Development proposals are selected, they will be prepared and sent to Parliament for approval. Once a proposed project is approved, you can then monitor its progress during implementation.

Commitment to a participatory democracy – hosting Constituency Development Fund consultations

- ▶ In 2018 I hosted two Constituency Development Fund consultations. The first took place on April 5, 2018 at the Unity Church Hall in the Trafalgar Division and the second on April 12, 2018 at the Christ Church Hall in the Vineyard Town Division
- ▶ At these consultations, I made presentations on the projects we had started, the monies expended under the CDF and sought recommendations from residents on how the CDF should be used for the new financial year
- ▶ Presentations were also done by Councillors Andrew Swaby (Vineyard Town) and Kari Douglas (Trafalgar), representatives of the CDF Project Office, the KSAC, HEART Trust NTA and the Social Development Commission (SDC)

Constituency Development Fund Consultations

CDF consultations at Unity Church Hall, April 5, 2018 and Christ Church Hall, April 12, 2018



Breakdown of expenditures to date for 2018 of the Constituency Development Fund

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HUMAN AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

We restarted the National Unattached Youth Program in collaboration with the HEART Trust NTA

Member of Parliament - South East St. Andrew
Julian J. Robinson
 invites you to our

NATIONAL UNATTACHED YOUTH PROGRAMME

PREREQUISITES

- Ages 17-30 • TRN • National ID • Bank Account
- Proof of qualifications • Birth Certificate
- Stipend of \$500/daily

DATES

Start Date: July 9, 2018
 Orientation Date: July 4, 2018
 Test Date: June 25, 2018


Cornerstone Ministries - 21a Connolly Avenue






Course	# of students	Time
Digital Animation Level 1	22	8:30am - 2pm
Data Operations Level 2	14	8:30am - 2pm
Data Operations Level 2	14	2:30pm - 6:30pm
Automotive Vehicle Repairs Level 2	30	8:30am - 2pm
Automotive Vehicle Repairs Level 2	27	2:30pm - 6:30pm
Automotive Vehicle Repairs Level 2	30	2:30pm - 6:30pm

International University of the Caribbean - 47c Old Hope Road

Course	# of students	Time
Hospitality Services - Villas & Other Properties - Level 2	30	8:30am - 2pm
Food & Beverage - Captain - Level 2	30	8:30am - 2pm
Allied Health - Patient Care - Level 2	25	2:30pm - 6:30pm
Electrical Installation - Level 2	30	8:30am - 2pm
Computer Network Support - Level 2	20	8:30am - 2pm

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- The training program is taking place at Cornerstone Ministries and the International University of the Caribbean
- 175 students are enrolled in the following programs
 - Digital Animation
 - Data Operations
 - Automotive Vehicle Repairs
 - Hospitality Services
 - Food & Beverage
 - Allied Health – Patient Care
 - Electrical Installation
 - Computer Network Support
- They will receive certification at the completion of their programs

8 Summer camps held across the constituency

- 8 Summer camps were held targeting 800 students from seven communities (Nannyville, Swallowfield, Jacques Rd, McGregor, Franklyn Town, Woodford Park, Slipe Road)
- The camps were held for a 2 week period and involved Math, English, Reading and Art & Craft



Impacted over 120 young persons who participated in Job Readiness Workshops held in collaboration with YUTE, Joan Duncan Foundation & JN Foundation to prepare persons for the world of work



Outcomes from the workshops

- **Conversations for Greatness:** 121 participants benefited from a conscious leadership workshop and have received 6 contact hours. This session is done on the first day of the workshop to get the participants understanding who they are before they are ready to serve. Following this workshop participants are able to tap into their consciousness and understand why they behave the way they do, they become more self aware and are able to think consciously before they make decisions. One participant stated that "Conversations for Greatness will help me to be bold and confident".
- **Financial Literacy:** The participants were exposed to financial literacy and benefited from 2 contact hours. This session helped the participants to understand their financial priorities so they are better able to financially sustain their lives and support their families. One participant stated that "I learnt how to budget to save more".
- **Life skills :** Participants gained soft skills that will help them to gain and maintain jobs. Great emphasis was placed on resume writing because participants had too many common mistakes on their resumes. One participant stated that "I thought I knew everything about resume writing, but I was doing it all wrong".

PARLIAMENTARY AND LEGISLATIVE WORK

Contributions in Parliament

EU Data Caution - Opposition Spokesman Urges Focus On New Rules That Take Effect Today

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Robinson

Ian Allen

Tough, new rules to protect the personal data of residents of the European Union (EU) take effect today, and Julian Robinson, the opposition spokesman on science and technology, is urging Jamaicans to pay serious attention to the issue.

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a sweeping law that gives residents of the EU more control over their personal data and seeks to clarify rules

- ▶ I am the Opposition Spokesman for Science and Technology. I made my contribution to the Sectoral Debate on May 22, 2018.

- ▶ Attached is a link to my presentation.

(https://www.julianrobinson.com/uploads/2/1/8/4/218445/julian_robinson_sectoral_debate_presentation_220518.pdf)

News

Opposition calls for urgent review of Patent Act

BY ALPHEA SAUNDERS

Senior staff reporter

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Saturday, May 26, 2018  6 Comments

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ROBINSON... while we are seeking to develop our scientific activity we will not realise the economic benefit from it unless we strengthen the mechanisms for examining and issuing patents

OPPOSITION spokesman on science and technology Julian Robinson has called on the Government to review and update legislation governing patents in Jamaica, saying innovators are losing out in areas where their counterparts in the region have been able to monetise

Contributions in Parliament

- ▶ During my Sectoral Debate contribution, I called on the Auditor General and the Integrity Commission to investigate issues of cronyism, nepotism and corruption at Petrojam

(<http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/lead-stories/20180523/robinson-wants-oversight-bodies-probe-petrojam>)

Robinson Wants Oversight Bodies To Probe Petrojam

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Published: Wednesday | May 23, 2018 | 12:00 AM | Edmond Campbell/Senior Staff Reporter



Opposition spokesman on Science and Technology Julian Robinson has called on the new Integrity Commission and the auditor general to urgently examine the operations of the state-owned oil refinery, Petrojam, noting that the viability of the entity is being threatened.

In his contribution to the Sectoral Debate in Parliament on Tuesday, Robinson said that the parliamentary Opposition was deeply concerned about issues that were evolving at the company.

I have tabled the following Questions in Parliament

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 2018

31.

* Mr. Robinson to ask the Prime Minister on the 27th day of November, 2018:

1. Will the Prime Minister please state whether or not the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the establishment of a cyber academy in Jamaica?
2. If the answer is in the affirmative, will the Prime Minister please state:
 - (a) The name of the company or entity with which the GOJ has signed the MOU?
 - (b) The terms of the MOU; specifically, will the GOJ have to make financial payments to the company, and, if so, in what amount?
 - (c) The scope of the operations of the academy?
 - (d) Who will be in charge of the operations of the academy, and from which country will the personnel be drawn?

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER, 2018

34.

* Mr. Robinson to ask the Prime Minister on the 27th day of December, 2018:

1. Would the Prime Minister please indicate whether or not there were disciplinary charges laid by Petrojam against its immediate past Human Resources Manager?
2. If the answer is in the affirmative, would the Prime Minister please indicate the nature and scope of those charges?
3. Further, would the Prime Minister please indicate how the charges were resolved or disposed of?
4. Would the Prime Minister please indicate whether or not Petrojam made a financial pay-out to the former Human Resources Manager on her departure from the company?
5. If the answer to Part 4 is in the affirmative, would the Prime Minister please state in what amount and for what purpose the payment was made?

I have tabled the following Questions in Parliament

35.

*** Mr. Robinson to ask the Prime Minister on the 27th day of December, 2018:**

- 1.** Would the Prime Minister please indicate the total budget for the implementation of the National Identification System (NIDS)?
- 2.** Would the Prime Minister please state what is the total budget for the public relations and communications components of the roll-out of the NIDS?
- 3.** Would the Prime Minister please state how much money has been spent so far on public relations and communications?
- 4.** Would the Prime Minister please state which providers have been contracted to undertake the public relations and communications, and further state how much they have been paid?


Challenging the constitutionality of the National Identification and Registration Act 2017 (NIDS Act)

- ▶ On May 8, 2018, I filed an action in the Supreme Court seeking a declaration that sections of the NIDS Act are unconstitutional. This action was taken on behalf of many Jamaicans who have deep concerns about aspects of this Act.
- ▶ I support the implementation of a National Identification System, but one which does not abrogate nor infringe the rights of the Jamaican people.
- ▶ The matter was heard before the Constitutional Court, led by Chief Justice Brian Sykes from October 22-24, 2018. The Chief Justice indicated that a ruling would be made within 6 months of the case being heard

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 **FIXED DATE CLAIM FORM**

CIVIL DIVISION
MAY 08 2018
SUPREME COURT

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE OF JAMAICA

CLAIM NO. **2018 HCV 01788**

BETWEEN **JULIAN J. ROBINSON** CLAIMANT

AND **THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF JAMAICA** DEFENDANT

The Claimant, **Julian Robinson** of 89 Old Hope Road, Kingston 6 in the parish of St. Andrew claims against

The Defendant, **The Attorney General of Jamaica**, 1st Floor, North Tower, NCB Towers, 2 Oxford Road, Kingston 5 in the parish of St. Andrew, for the following relief:

1. Declarations that each provision of the National Identification and Registration Act 2017 ("the NIDS Act") hereunder stated abrogates, abridges or infringes (hereafter "breaches") the guaranteed constitutional right(s) set out in the provision of the Constitution specified in respect of each provision, or group of provisions, of the Act -

(a) sections 4, 20 and 41 of the Act breach the right to equality before the law acknowledged by section 13(3)(g) and guaranteed by section 13(2) of the Constitution;

(b) sections 15 and 20 of, and the Third Schedule to, the Act breach -

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Why did I file the court action

- ▶ There are sections of the NIDS Act that I believe to be unconstitutional.
- Section 60, and the Third Schedule, which make every Jamaican's constitutionally protected right to get or renew a passport contingent on having an National Identity Card (NIC), the effect being that persons who conscientiously object to enrolling in the Database will automatically be denied a passport without a fair hearing (which the Constitution provides must be given before a passport can be denied or taken away);
- Section 41, which breaches the rights of every person legally residing in this country to be treated equitably and humanely by the government, as this section says you cannot access goods, services from any government entity if you do not present a NIC;
- Section 27, which breaches every Jamaican's right to privacy, as there is (1) your biometric and biographic information being visible on the NIC and means it will be disclosed to whomever you show the card to; and (2) there is the actual ability to share your biometric information with third parties without your consent.

Why did I file the court action

- Section 20, which breaches the rights to liberty and security of the person, to which every person in Jamaica is constitutionally entitled. This breach lies in the fact that enrolment in the Database is compulsory for everybody except Diplomats, and enrolment involves submitting fingerprint, iris scan and vein pattern, and in some cases footprint or toe print; and
- Section 4, which breaches every Jamaican's right not to be discriminated against. By requiring every Jamaican, whether locally or abroad, to have a NIC before transacting business with a government agency, for example, the National Land Agency, but that section does not require a foreigner buying property in Jamaica to equally have a number to transact business. That is treating Jamaicans less favourably in their own country.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND WORKS

The following roads were patched under a special allocation provided to MPs in December 2018

- Carnavon Street
- Nightingale Avenue
- Diana Crescent
- Bundy Lane/Swallowfield Road
- Watson Avenue/66 Lane
- Walford Close (to be completed)
- Linstone Crescent (to be completed)

OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Hosted two senior citizens Christmas treats in the Trafalgar and Vineyard Town Divisions



Hosted seven Christmas treats for children in Nannyville, McGregor Gardens, Woodford Park, Monaltrie, Slipe Road and Vineyard Town



Hosted a Back to School Health and Dental Fair at the UTECH Dental School on August 18, 2018



Labour Day 2018



National Reading Day Activities – May 8, 2018



MP Robinson reading to students at the Nannyville Basic School



Thank you



"My vision for South East St. Andrew and for Jamaica, is for the development of peaceful communities where all residents have gainful employment, adequate infrastructure, proper housing and access to high quality educational and sporting opportunities."
- Julian J. Robinson

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